



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Green and Healthy School Grant

Program Description:

The Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Natural Resources are coordinating efforts to encourage public and private schools to “lead by example” as they strive to conserve our natural resources and maintain healthy and safe school environments for successful learning and cleaner living. Green & Healthy Schools is a web-based, voluntary program available to all public and private schools across Wisconsin. The program encourages teachers, staff, students, and parents to work together to use the school, its ground, and the community as learning tools to teach, promote and apply healthy, safe, and environmentally sound practices.

Under the Green & Healthy Schools Grant Program, schools that have met the criteria for Green & Healthy School recognition and have submitted a completed grant application will be reimbursed for some of the expenditures they may have incurred while creating and/or maintaining a Green & Healthy School Program. Eligible expenditures may include, but are not limited to, team work, personal protection equipment, pedestrian and/or parking signs, record keeping supplies, the purchase of monitoring equipment, and recycling signs, decals, and/or containers.

This one-time grant is only applicable to expenditures incurred during the 2006-07 school year. A total of \$10,000 is available. The awards will be pro-rated dependent upon the number of schools that apply for the grant; the maximum award per school would be \$1,000.

Schools that have previously received a Green & Healthy School Grant of up to \$1,000 are not eligible to submit another application. Grant applications may be submitted and postmarked before or by February 1, 2007, to receive an initial payment of the grant in an amount not to exceed \$500 and applications may be submitted for the remainder of the grant by May 1, 2007, **OR** schools may apply for the maximum award of \$1,000 by May 1, 2007. Schools that have received an initial payment of a Green and Healthy School Grant in an amount not to exceed \$500 may only apply for an amount equal to the difference between that amount and the allowable maximum of \$1,000. Grant awards will be distributed approximately one month after the submission of an application. All dollars will be distributed by May 31, 2007.

The Department of Natural Resources will provide the Department of Public Instruction with \$10,000 from Appropriation 967 of the Segregated Recycling Fund, and the Department of Public Instruction will administer the grant program per 20.255(2)k, Wisconsin Statutes.

The Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Instruction will jointly develop eligibility criteria, promote the grant program, review applications, and identify and present the award to successful applicants.

Eligibility and Grant Application:

1. Participation is open to all public and private elementary, middle and high schools across Wisconsin.
2. A one-page grant application letter must be submitted, along with the school's application to become a Green & Healthy School, prior to May 1, 2006. The grant application letter must include the following:
 - a. the signature of their Green & Healthy Team leader and the school principal,
 - b. a statement that the school would agree to be a resource for other schools who have pledged to become a Green & Healthy School,
 - c. a statement that allows the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Natural Resources to share the school's experiences on the Green & Healthy Schools web site and in other promotional settings, and
 - d. a second page listing the type of service or purchase and the corresponding expenditure(s) incurred to gain recognition as a Green & Healthy School, up to \$1,000.
3. Applications may be submitted to:

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Link to the Green & Healthy Program web site:
www.dnr.wi.gov/greenandhealthyschools

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